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STATUS REPORT ON IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM

On March 31, 2009, the Board of Supervisors adopted Policy # 7.100 – Identity Theft Prevention Program (ITPP) to comply with Federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) regulations (i.e., the Identity Thefts Flag Rule) and requested the Chief Information Office to submit progress reports on the implementation of the ITPP.

Since your Board action, the Federal Trade Commission, the federal agency responsible for enforcement of Identity Thefts Flag Rule, has extended the compliance deadline until November 1, 2009 – the fourth deadline extension since November 1, 2008. This delay was to allow time for more education and guidance to assist small businesses and other entities with compliance.

We have been working with key California counties, County Counsel, and outside counsel to determine County compliance obligations. Also, we are working with all departments to perform an assessment of their information systems that maintain covered accounts. Once this assessment has been completed, we will meet with impacted departments to establish written procedures and awareness programs required under the federal regulations to mitigate potential identity theft.

The next status report will be provided to your Board on or before December 31, 2009. If you have any questions regarding this status report, please contact me, or your staff may contact Robert Pittman, Chief Information Security Officer, at 213.253.5631 or rpittman@cio.lacounty.gov.

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